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SUBJECT: POLICEMAN MURDERED IN ZAGREB

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1. THERE ARE NUMEROUS RUMORS IN ZAGREB, A CITY OF 750,000 PEOPLE, FOLLOWING PUBLICATION YESTERDAY, JUNE 2, OF THE MURDER OF A POLICEMAN IN FRONT OF THE CROATIAN REPUBLIC HEADQUARTERS OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN INCREASED AT THE AIRPORT AND VEHICLES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN STOPPED BY POLICE FOR SPOT CHECKS ON VARIOUS ROADS SURROUNDING THE CITY IN THE PAST 48 HOURS. SPECULATION RUNS THE GAMUT FROM SUGGESTING THAT THE CRIME WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED TO SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS AN ACT OF PERSONAL VENGEANCE. ALTHOUGH THE STORY THAT A KNIFE HAD BEEN USED TO KILL THE POLICEMAN IS WIDESPREAD, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TOLD THE CONSUL GENERAL LAST NIGHT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE VICTIM HAD BEEN KILLED BY BLOWS TO THE HEAD WITH A HEAVY OBJECT.

2. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE AT THE ITALIAN
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NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE POLICEMAN'S MURDER IS CAUSE FOR CONSTERNATION. THEY POINTED OUT THAT UNTIL THE MURDER IS SOLVED RUMORS GENERATING SOME UNEASINESS WILL PERSIST, AND THAT "ENEMIES" OF YUGOSLAVIA PROBABLY WILL TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON THE CRIME BY TRYING TO FOMENT A SENSE OF INSTABILITY. KAISER

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